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FATHER AND DAUGHTER CHARGED WITH PREPARING FALSE TAX RETURNS

PHILADELPHIA - United States Attorney Pat Meehan today announced the filing of an Information¹ charging tax preparers Bartholomew Iacono and Regina Iacono-Dostillio with conspiracy to defraud the United States and filing false tax returns in connection with their business, Gentile's Tax Service, located on South 16th Street in Philadelphia. According to the Information, fraudulent returns were prepared for clients for tax years 2003, 2004, and 2005. The defendants allegedly created or inflated clients' charitable deductions, un-reimbursed employee expenses, and/or business expenses. The Information alleges the defendants prepared returns that resulted in tax refunds for some clients that the defendants knew actually owed income taxes, resulting in an estimated loss to the IRS of more than \$125,000.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
Bartholomew Iacono	Sewell, NJ	1935
Regina Iacono-Dostillio	Sewell, NJ	1968

If convicted of all charges, the defendants face a maximum possible sentence of eight years imprisonment and a fine of \$500,000.

The case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Frank Labor, III.

¹An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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